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F¹IRST GRADUATE

VOLUNTEER

Our Program

First Graduate is a San Francisco-based non-profit that helps young people finish high school and become the first in their families to graduate from college. We make a 10-year commitment to each student, beginning the summer after 6th grade through the completion of college.

To help students meet their goals, First Graduate offers a comprehensive set of services, including: academic coaching, tutoring, high school counseling, internships and community service opportunities, college application counseling, college visits, and financial scholarships.

First Graduate relies on a dedicated community of volunteers who share their time and talents with our students. The following are examples of ways you can get involved and make a difference in a child's life.

Academics and School Counseling

Academic Coach: First Graduate academic coaches help students improve their study skills and gain mastery of their academic subjects. They volunteer once a week for two hours after school.

College Advisory Coach: These coaches help students with college research, SAT preparation, college applications, scholarships and financial aid.

Personal Statement Writing Coach: Our writing coaches help students develop their personal statements for high school and college applications. They commit to a series of evenings in September and October, including a training workshop and one-on-one or small group coaching sessions.

Career Exploration

Career Advisory Coach: First Graduate advisory coaches help students with summer internship research, resume and cover letter writing, and offer career guidance and advice.

Career Day Host: Our Career Day hosts open their workplaces to students, provide a tour and talk about aspects of their jobs.

Career Panelist: Panelists participate in our "Exploring the Possibilities" career exploration event, where they engage students in interactive presentations that give students a taste of the work they do.

Informational Interviewer: Interviewers meet with individual high school and college students who are interested in learning more specific information about different organizations and jobs, or who seek internship or job opportunities.

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A New Generation of Graduates



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THE CYCLE OF POVERTY IN MY FAMILY ENDED FOREVER.”

DR. ROBERT J. BIRGENEAU, CHANCELLOR, UC BERKELEY



“EACH KID WHO IS THE FIRST IN HIS OR HER FAMILY TO GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE ACTS AS A VERY POWERFUL MOTIVATOR FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.”

PROFESSOR MARCELO SUAREZ-OROZCO, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Evaluators

Discovery Day Evaluators: As part of the First Graduate application process, prospective students are invited to Discovery Day where they participate in group problem-solving activities and interviews. Evaluators observe and interview students, and help select a new class of First Graduate students.

Presentations of Learning (POLs) Evaluators: At the Presentations of Learning, students give individual presentations about what they have learned and accomplished over the past year, as well as their goals for the year to come. POL Evaluators observe, ask questions, and offer students feedback on their presentations.

Development Office

Event, Marketing and Fundraising Support: Volunteers assist with fundraising events, mailings, securing in-kind donations, researching foundations, and expanding our reach through social media outlets.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY OF THESE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO INFO@FIRSTGRADUATE.ORG.

